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SUBJECT: USIRJC: SOME GOI POLICY STATEMENTS

1. IN MEETING AT MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION CALLED BY VICE MINISTER MOHAMMAD-ALI TOUSSI, AS A PRELIMINARY TO USIRJC MEETING, TOUSSI, PARSA AND OTHERS OUTLINED TO CAO AND SCIATT CURRENT GOI POLICY RE CONTRIBUTIONS TO FULBRIGHT COMMISSION. GUIDING PRINCIPLE

,
THEY SAID, IS COST SHARING ON EQUAL BASIS WITH USG. COMMENT: THIS IS MARKED CHANGE FROM POSITION TAKEN BY PARSA AT MARCH 1975 MEETING OF USIRJC IN WASHINGTON, AT WHICH TIME HE SUGGESTED GOI MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TWO DOLLARS FOR EACH DOLLAR FROM U.S.

2. NEXT PARSA ASKED IF GOI WERE TO INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY ITS CONTRIBUTION TO FULBRIGHT, WOULD USG BE PREPARED TO DO THE SAME. CAO SUGGESTED MATTER BE RAISED BY GOI WHEN U.S. DELEGATION ARRIVES.

COMMENT: GOI POLICY STATEMENT ON EQUAL COST SHARING PARALLELS OTHER INDICATIONS THAT THIS NOW PREVAILING IRANIAN ATTITUDE

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TOWARD JOINT PROJECTS IN EDUCATION FIELD. HOWEVER, IN ASSESSING

GOI INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO FULBRIGHT CONTRIBUTIONS, IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THERE WAS A SHORTFALLOF 20 PERCENT IN GOI'S FIRST QUARTERLY PAYMENT TO FULBRIGHT EARLIER THIS YEAR. CAO REMINDED GOI REPRESENTATIVES THAT, ALTHOUGH GOI HAD BUDGETED 10 MILLION RIALS FOR FULBRIGHT CONTRIBUTION, FIRST PAYMENT WAS 2 MILLION, NOT 2.5 MILLION. TOUSSI SAID HE ATTEMPTING TO RESTORE THIS CUT, BUT THAT CUTS OF COMPARABLE DIMENSIONS HAD BEEN MADE GOVERNMENTWIDE, AND THAT MANY PLANNED PROJECTS WOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED AT ALL.

3. PARSA, IN EARLIER MEETING WITH SCIATT, REJECTED NOTION THAT COMMITTEE BE SPLIT INTO TWO SEPARATE ENTITIES CONCERNED RESPECTIVELY WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON ONE HAND, EDUCATION ON THE OTHER.

4. URGENTLY NEED DEPARTMENT'S COMMENT ON PARSA'S QUESTION IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE.
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